

REPRESENTATION

*For Captain JOHN SLEZER,
Anent the History, and Present State
of SCOTLAND. to be published by him.*

THe Captain, since, and upon the Faith of, the *Act of Tunnage*, has so far advanced his *Work*, that the Lords of His Majesties Privy Council has appointed a Committee of their own Number, to revise it: And hoping, the *Work* will give Satisfaction, both in the Description & Draughts, to all, who are Lovers of their Countrey, and of what is Curious and Diverting, he humbly offers an View of the *Work* it self, and of the Contents of it, to His Majesties High Commissioner, and the Right Honourable the Estates of Parliament.

The *Work* is to be Printed upon Paper of the same Size and Fynness, with the *Title Page*; and the *FIRST VOLUME* consists of *Two Parts*: In the *First* of which, are these following Chapters.

- 1 Of *BRITAIN* in general.
- 2 Of *SCOTLAND* in general.
- 3 Of the *WALLS* built by the *Romans* in *Britain*.
- 4 Of the *PICTS*.
- 5 Of the *SCOTS*; and what way *FERGUS* came to be placed on the Throne.
- 6 An *Abridgement* of the *Lives* and *Reigns* of the *Kings* of *SCOTLAND*, from *Fergus I.* the Founder of the *Scots Monarchie*, to King *James VI.* his Accession to the Crown of *England*; Together with some of their *Contemporaries*, and several remarkable *Actions*, which happned in other Nations, during the *Reign* of these *Kings*, and of the *Divises* of the *Royal Family* of *STUARTS*.

In these Chapters, it is to be found, what is material and remarkable in Fordon, Boetius, Leslie, Buchanan, and other Scots Historians: And likewise several other remarkable Passages, which hath not been hitherto published, by any Writer of the History of SCOTLAND.

- 7 Of the Antiquity of the *ROYAL LINE*.

This Chapter is an Abreviat of the Debate, betwixt Sir George Mackenzie, and the Bishop of St. Asaph, and Doctor Stillingfleet: wherein all the strongest Arguments adduced against this Antiquity, and the Answers thereto are ranked together, one by one.

- 8 Of the *Mistake* and *Partiality* of those, who pretend, that the *Crown* of *SCOTLAND* was ever Feudatory to the *Crown* of *England*; And that the *Kings* of *Scotland* payed *Homage* to these of *England*, upon that account.

Herein is breisly to be had, what, with very great Learning and Judgment, hath been writ on this Subject by Sir Thomas Craig, and Sir George Mackenzie, and likewise Answers to Mr. Tyrrel's Insinuations of this Homage, in the first Volume of his History of England.

- 9 Of the Marriage of King Robert II. King of *SCOTLAND*, containing a Vindication of King Robert III. his Son, from the Imputation of Bastardy.

This Chapter contains the summ of what hath been published, to great Advantage, by my Lord Viscount of Tarbat, upon this Subject; And likewise some other Documents, relating to this Affair, found in the Scots Colledge at Paris, and published since his Lordships Vindication: with a Confutation of Mr. Jones: who, in his Tragical History of the Stuarts, treats the Royal Family, with very much Indiscretion, on the account of this Fictitious Bastardy of Robert III. and endeavours to redargue my Lord Tarbat's Prooffs, of the Legitimacie of that Prince.

- 10 Of the Precedencie due to the Kings of *SCOTLAND*.

The Second *PART*. is composed of these Chapters

- 1 Of the *PARLIAMENT*; of the Members thereof; Of the way of calling of the Parliament; and Electing Commissioners for *Shires* and *Burghs-Royal*; The way of Rideing of the Parliament, and of the Power and Procedure in Parliament.
- 2 Of the *CONVENTION* of *ESTATES*,
- 3 Of the *PRIVY-COUNCIL* and *OFFICERS* of *STATE*.
- 4 Of the *THESAURIE* and *EXCHEQUER*.
- 5 Of the *SESSION* and *COLLEDGE* of *JUSTICE*, and Institution thereof, Of the Ordinary and Extraordinary *SENATORS*, Of the *ADVOCATS*, *CLERKS* and *WRITTERS*; Of the *OUTTER* and *INNER-HOUSE*, and the manner of Proceeding therein.
- 6 Of the *Justiciary-Court*, commonly called the *Criminal-Court*; As also, of the *Justice-General*, Commissioners of *Justiciary* and *Affizes*.
- 7 Of the *High-Court* of *ADMIRALTY*.
- 8 Of the *HIGH-CONSTABLE*; or the *Earl of Errol's Court*.
- 9 Of the *Commissary-Court*.
- 10 Of *Inferior-Courts*; such as *Sheriff-Courts*, *Courts of Regality*, *Stewartrie*, *Baillie* and *Burrough-Courts*, and *Justices of Peace*.

The Description, of Judicatories, in these Chapters, is more full, than any hitherto published.

VOLUME II.

Contains these several CHAPTERS.

i Of the NOBILITY of SCOTLAND.

Herein, after a short Introduction, ancient Nobility in general, is to be found the Number and Titles of our present Noblemen; with their Surnames, and Titles of their Eldest Sons.

- 2 Contains the Coats of Arms of the Nobility; with their Supporters, Crests, and Motto's, all curiously drawn; Together with the Blazoning, of each Atchievement, placed under it.
- 3 Of the Precedencie observed, amongst the Subjects of SCOTLAND, whereunto is added, a List of the Knight Barronets, in this Kingdom.
- 4 The Form of Creation and Investiture of a Nobleman in SCOTLAND.
- 5 Of the Constitution of the Herald-Office, and of the Lyon King at ARMS; The Order, observed at his Coronation; The Way of Reversing of Arms, after Sentence of Forefaulture: And the Way and Manner of Publishing the KING'S Proclamations.
- 6 Of the Military and Equestrial Order of St. ANDREW, commonly called the Order of Scotland, or of the THISTLE; containing an account of the Institution and Solemnity, observed at the Investiture of the Knight of that Order, with curious draughts of their Badges. Whereunto is added, a brief Description of the other Orders of Knight-hood in Europe, and when Instituted, with Draughts of their respective Marks of Honour. From which the Antiquity of the Order of Scotland does more plainly appear.
- 7 Of the Solemnities, which have been observed, in Scotland, on Occasion of Baptisms and Funerals; The first illustrated, by these observed, at the Baptism of Prince Henry, Son to King James VI. And the second, by the Funeral Solemnities, of the Duke of Rothes Lord High Chancellor of Scotland; Represented in a most curious and exact Draught, upon four Sheets of Royal Paper.
- 8 The Cavalcade, or Solemnity, observed at the first Session of Parliament; as it was last performed, in the year 1685. (since which time there has been no such Solemnitie) most neatly drawn, on three Sheets of Royal Paper.

These things are so Curious, and the Draughts so neat, that, it is hoped, they will recommend themselves, to any, who views them,

- 9 The Prospects of His Majesties Castles and Palaces; With the Prospects of several Houses, belonging to Noblemen and Gentlemen; and a short Description of them.

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These Prospects are very fine and curious ; some are already engraven ; others are drawn ; and some are drawing : With the Plans of their Stories and ground Plat of the Gardens. And the number of these will be, according to the Encouragement the Captain receives seing they cannot be drawn and engraven, without great Expences.

10 The prospect of several Cities, Royal-Burghs, Universities, Towns and Hospitals, within this Kingdom ; with a short Discription of each place : whereunto is added, an account of the Trade and Manufactories in the Kingdom.

11. *Monasticon Scotiae* ; containing a short account of the Monasteries, and other Religious Houses, and the several Orders of Friars, Monks and Nuns, which were in Scotland, before the Reformation ; with the Sculptures of some of these Buildings.

Though these Monastries were Nests of Luxurie ; yet the Magnificence of the Building, does contribute to the Honour of the Nation.

This whole Work, being composed of Variety of Matter, so agreeable to all Gentlemen, and of Draughts, so pleasant and curious, it is hoped, it will meet with Acceptance and Encouragement.